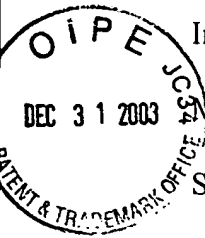


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Sir:

Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby petition to withdraw the above-referenced application from issuance under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), i.e. for the consideration of Request for Continued Examination in compliance with §1.114.

The petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) is enclosed.

Furthermore, enclosed is the Request for Continued Examination along with its accompanying submission, an Information Disclosure Statement citing additional prior art.

Applicants request withdrawal of the application from issuance to have the Request for Continued Examination entered and the Information Disclosure Statement considered so that prior

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art cited in a European Search Report dated November 28, 2003 may be considered in this application. Applicants further make such request to ensure compliance with the duty of disclosure for this application.

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